

Funding crunch holds up hospitality program

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The newly proposed Hotel and Restaurant Management (HRM) program at the U of A has been delayed due to a lack of funding from the government.

"Our proposal has gone through all (related) committees in this university and has been sent to the Department of Advanced Education for funding," said Dr. Z. Hawrysh, Chairman of the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

"So far, we have not heard anything regarding the funding although we know that the Department of Advanced Education is looking at the proposal."

"We would need \$3 million for 5 years which is not unrealistic," said Hawrysh.

"We have had some funds given to us from a private donor in the form of three \$1,000 scholarships for a not yet existent program," Hawrysh said.

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edgeable in hotel and restaurant management, as well.

There are only two HRM programs offered in Canada at the university level. One is offered at the U of Guelph and the other at the Ryerson Polytechnic Institute.

In comparison, the United States has at least 30 HRM (university) programs.

Hawrysh believes that there is a real need for HRM graduates in Alberta as well as in Canada as a whole.

"The hospitality industry ranks third in Alberta, following the oil and agriculture industries."

"In the past, the hospitality industry here depended on European and American schools for the training; however, current immigration regulations make it hopeless to

employ people from Europe and the U.S.

The idea to start the HRM program was initiated three and a half years ago.

"We were very interested in creating job opportunities in the hotel and food industry, so we started to talk to people from the Alberta Hotel Association, the Alberta Tourism and Small Business Association, the Alberta Restaurant Association, and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

"We identified that there really was, and still is, a need for a university program in HRM," Hawrysh said.

"Once we realized the need, we decided to develop the program." The HRM is a four year program. Candidates for the program will

be admitted as Foods and Nutrition students in the first year. At the end of the year, these potential HRM students will be admitted to the B.Sc (HRM) program only if they have the same or higher GPA required for the transfer students to the faculty of Business.

Since this is going to be a quota program, only 25 to 30 students will be picked from these candidates.

The program itself is going to use a people-oriented approach in which an understanding of contemporary lifestyle is applied to contemporary feeding and housing issues in the market place.

"Our objective is to educate individuals who can provide leadership and individuals who can solve and identify problems in all facets of the hospitality industry."

"It is important when times are good, but more important when times are rough," Hawrysh states.

"This program will, and should, complement a program specializing in tourism and leisure studies which has been suggested to be operated in cooperation with the recreation department of the faculty of Physical Education."

According to Hawrysh, the program will be a rigorous one.

There will be seven foods and nutrition courses, five HRM courses, six theories and principles of management science courses and the rest are courses from the Arts and Science faculties.

"The really exciting thing about this program is that there is summer work experience after the second and third years," said Hawrysh.

HRM students will have the opportunity to work in the Westin Hotel, the Four Seasons Hotel, and McDonald's just to mention a few of the members of the industry which have agreed to become part of the summer work experience.

"We are extremely lucky that we have the cooperation of the hotel and food industry," Hawrysh said.

Hawrysh, however, declined to predict when the program could begin.

"We have a very high demand for this program. Ever since the program proposal was announced in the paper, we have been getting many, many inquiries. When we first took these calls, we took the names down, but we soon stopped because there was simply too many. Recently we have started to take down the names again," said Hawrysh.

"I was quite optimistic at Christmas time that the program could be underway this September, but I began to think realistically that it's not possible early this year," Hawrysh said.

"I can't predict, I can only say that I am hopeful that the program could start soon. Especially with Premier Getty's recent creation of a separate department for Alberta tourism."

U of S Centre back without politics

SASKATOON (CUP) — The University of Saskatchewan Women's Centre has reopened after being shut down in 1983 for being "too political".

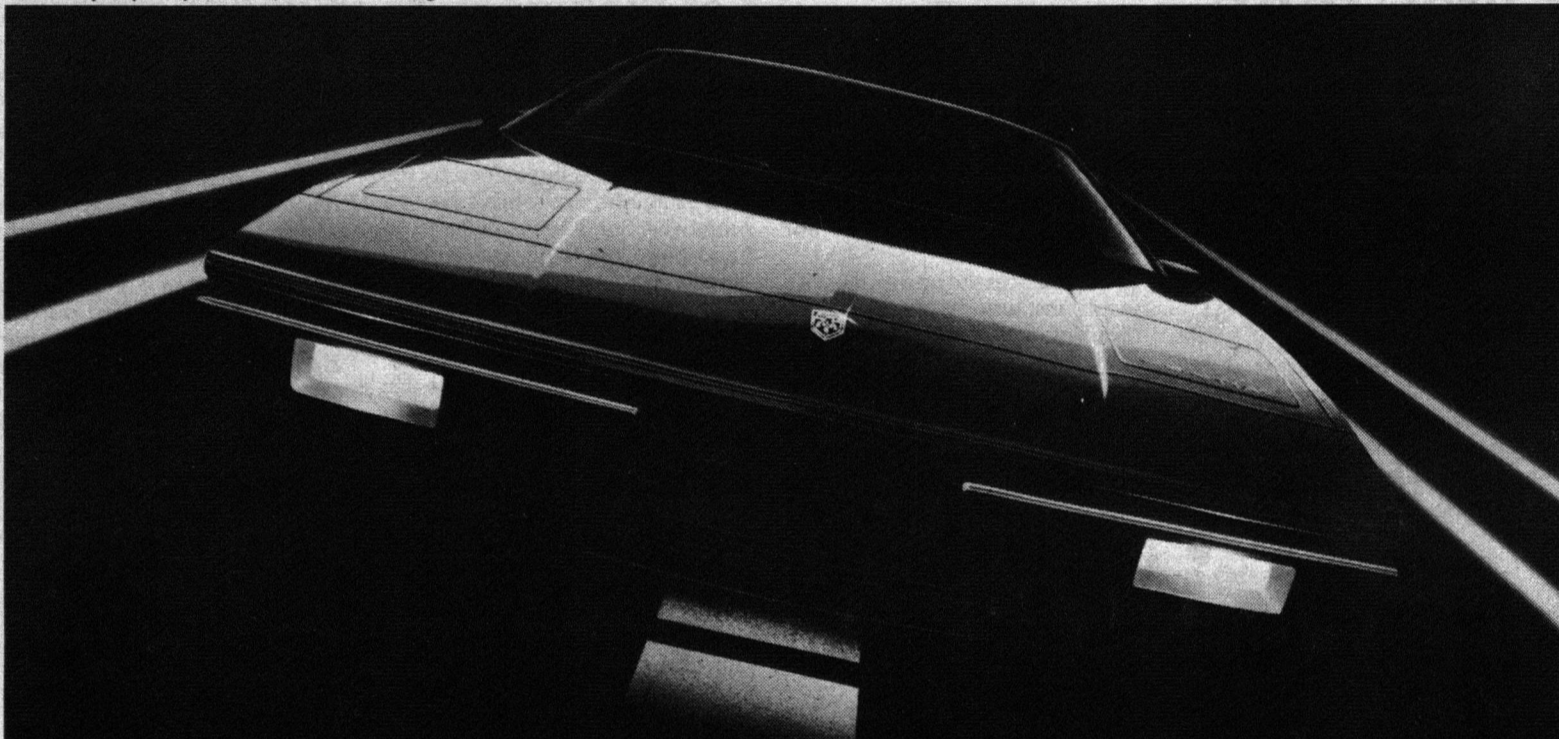
But some students say their council has too much control over the centre's policies and constitution.

"I am not happy with the idea that the Women's Centre can only change its constitution by going to student council," said Women's Centre volunteer Jackie Heslop. "One of the fundamental basics of the women's movement is the right for women to make autonomous decisions."

Both the Women's Centre and the student council can propose policy changes and constitutional amendments but they have to be ratified by the centre's steering committee. Centre and council each hold two seats on the committee, with the fifth filled by someone mutually acceptable to the other two parties.

Student council president Ian Wagner said council would have full control over the centre's constitution to ensure the centre is open to all students.

"Council would only step in to make sure the centre is open to all students to become volunteers and that there is a mechanism for student input," Wagner said. "We would step in if the centre set policies that were against its statement of principles."



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